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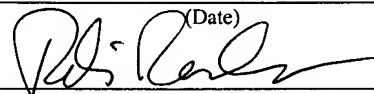
### AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Applicant : Samuel M. Shaolian et al.  
 App. No : 10/764,991  
 Filed : January 26, 2004  
 For : IMPLANTABLE VASCULAR GRAFT  
 Examiner : Hieu Phan  
 Art Unit : 3738

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Amendment in 6 pages.
- (X) Terminal Disclaimer in 2 pages along with Copies of Assignment and Power of Attorney.
- (X) 1 page of Abstract replacement sheet.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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Total Claims	18 - 20 = 0	2202 (\$25)	0 x 25 =	\$0
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Terminal Disclaimer		2814 (\$65)		\$65
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- (X) A check in the amount of \$65 is enclosed.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

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*Replacement Sheet*  
*Office Action*  
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## **IMPLANTABLE VASCULAR GRAFT**

### Abstract of the Disclosure

Disclosed is a tubular endoluminal vascular prosthesis, useful in treating, for example, an abdominal aortic aneurysm. The prosthesis includes a self-expandable wire support structure having a tubular main body support and first and second branch supports. The support structure may include sliding links to permit flexibility while maintaining patency of the central lumen. The branch supports may articulate with the main body to permit the branches to pivot laterally from the axis of the main body throughout a substantial range of motion. Exoskeleton components or barbs may be provided to resist migration and endoleaks.